

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dr. John R. Harper, Principal jharper@providencecatholic.org

"Pray as though everything depended upon God. Work as though everything depended on You."

Saint Ignatius

June 27, 2017

Dear Celtic Parents,

I am honored to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. This school year marks the 99th year since the Diocese of Joliet first asked the Sisters of Providence to lead and to manage the school. Providence Catholic High School is rich in history, proud in our long traditions of excellence, and forever united in our Catholic faith and our commitment to the Augustinian core values of <u>Truth, Unity, & Love</u>.

While classes are not in session, the building is still full of activity with the Summer Studies Program, academic and athletic summer camps and our summer work crew diligently working to prepare the building for the next school year. There will be times certain entrances to the building are closed. If you need to come to the school for any reason, we ask that you please call ahead as the Main Office and other offices may not be readily accessible or relocated due to cleaning and other improvements. Please call us at (815) 485-2136 to plan your visit.

This particular mailing provides our families with information intended to help you and your student prepare for a successful start to a new school year. If you ever have a question do not hesitate to contact us. The next Family Newsletter will be emailed July 17th.

I suspect most parents will soon start entering the dates and times of the many school activities detailed in this newsletter into their family calendars. While doing this, please also take the time to deliberately mark times on your calendar for YOU to visit and spend time with your student on the campus of Providence Catholic High School. The important role of parental involvement in a child's education has been closely examined in a myriad of different studies, and the findings are consistent: parental involvement improves student academic performance and classroom behavior. There is a tendency for parental involvement to decline as children get older. The research, however, insists parents remain very influential in the lives of their high-school aged students. I look forward to seeing you around our campus and partnering with you on your child's education.

Sincerely,

Dr. John R. Harper

Principal

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PROVIDENCE Catholic High School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017

WELCOME TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Below is a timeline with important dates to help you better prepare for the upcoming school year. More detailed information about most items is included in this newsletter. Be sure to frequently check the Back to School page on our website for the most up to date information pertaining to the 17-18 school year.

<u>June 30:</u> The Online Family Information Form will be emailed to the PRIMARY contact for each student.

<u>July 1:</u> eTech Campus Virtual Textbook store is available for preview. Textbooks and e-books are not available for purchase at this time. The site is only available for preview/browsing and is still under construction. Username and passwords are linked to your student's class schedule, and will be emailed to closer to the site's launch date of July 17th.

July 10: First tuition statement and tuition policies will be mailed to all families.

<u>July 17:</u> eTech Campus Virtual Textbook store is open for purchasing. Please watch your email for more information. The July Family Newsletter will be emailed to all families on this day as well.

<u>August 1:</u> First tuition payment is due. All PlusPortal access will be disabled as we upload student's full class schedules to the Portals.

<u>August 2:</u> Class schedules will be emailed and made available on the PlusPortal for students who have paid their 1st tuition payment by August 1, 2017. After that date, we will release your student's schedule via email and the PlusPortal within one business day of receipt of payment.

<u>August 7:</u> Schedule Change Day in the Blanchette Learning Commons. More information to come.

August 8: Women's Club Used Polo Sale, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Room 223.

<u>August 11:</u> Freshman and Transfer Student Welcome. More information to come.

August 14: First full-day of classes beginning at 7:55 a.m. Buses do run on this day.

ONLINE FAMILY INFORMATION FORM



Providence Catholic requires all families to update and confirm their family and student's information online prior to August 1. You will receive an email for each student you have enrolled at Providence Catholic later this week

ETECH VIRTUAL TEXTBOOK STORE PREVIEW JULY 1

As announced in May, Providence Catholic has partnered with eTech Campus to provide a more convenient and cost-effective way for our families to purchase textbooks and/or e-books. The Providence Catholic virtual textbook store website is:

http://pchsbookstore.etechcampus.com/

The site will be available for you to preview beginning July 1st. Please know that the site is still under construction and not all information available during the preview may be accurate. We are hoping that this preview time will help you become familiar with the site. You will receive a username and password for EACH STUDENT you have enrolled at PCHS. The username and password is linked to your student's course schedule, and will be emailed to you closer to the site's launch date of July 17th.

If you have any questions concerning the eTech Virtual Textbook Store, please contact the Main Office at (815) 485-2136 or eTech Campus directly at (877) 284-6744. You can find the Providence Catholic textbook and e-book list and learn about eTech Campus policies and procedures, by visiting the Bookstore section of our website: PCHS Bookstore.

TUITION DISCOUNT

Providence Catholic offers a \$250 tuition discount if tuition is paid in full by August 1, 2017. Please note that this discount applies to tuition only and excludes fees and Harvest Drive. This discount does not apply to families who are receiving financial aid from the school or Diocese. If you have any questions concerning tuition, please contact our Tuition Officer, Laura Ziesmer, at (815) 717-3176. Your first tuition statement will be mailed July 10, 2017.

STUDENT SCHEDULE RELEASE VIA EMAIL & PLUSPORTAL

<u>Student schedules will not be mailed this school year.</u> Full schedules will become available on Tuesday, August 2, 2017. Class schedules will be emailed and placed in the PlusPortal on August 2, 2017 for those students who have paid their first month's tuition by August 1, 2017. After that date, we will release your student's schedule via email and the PlusPortal within one business day of receipt of payment.

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Just a reminder that we have an At-a-Glance calendar posted on our website for important dates you will need for next school year. We have included the At-a-Glance calendar at the end of this document. We encourage you to check the calendar on the PlusPortals and on the Providence Catholic website to stay up to date as these calendars are the most accurate. Below are some dates we often receive phone calls about and want to make sure you are aware of:

Schedule Change Day Used Polo Sale

International Student Orientation

Freshman Welcome

Transfer Student Orientation

First Day of Classes First Semester Exams

Christmas Vacation

Easter Vacation

Second Semester Exams

Graduation

Monday, August 7, 2017 Tuesday, August 8, 2017 Thursday, August 10, 2017 Friday, August 11, 2017 Friday, August 11, 2017

Monday, August 14, 2017 (Buses begin routes this day)

December 20, 21 & 22, 2017

December 23, 2017 – January 7, 2018 (Classes resume January 8, 2018)

March 30 – April 8, 2018 (Classes resume on April 9, 2018)

May 22, 23 and 24, 2018 Thursday, May 24, 2018

HEALTH & SPORTS PHYSICALS

INCOMING FRESHMEN: The State of Illinois Physical Form is REQUIRED for all incoming freshmen and is due to the PCHS Main Office no later than August 1. This form also meets the sports physical requirement (see below) for FRESHMEN ONLY. Be sure that your doctor's office uses the most current form, dated 11/2015 in the page footer. **Download the form here for FRESHMEN only.**

<u>SOPHMORE, JUNIOR & SENIOR SPORTS PHYSICALS:</u> A sports physical is required for all returning students, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors, who will be trying out for any athletic team. This is due to the PCHS Athletic Office before the first day of tryouts or practice. <u>Download the form here for SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS and SENIORS.</u>

QUIKLUNCH: CAFETERIA PAYMENT PROGRAM

We are pleased to continue to offer students a more convenient method of payment in the cafeteria. In addition to paying with cash, students can also use their Providence Catholic School ID card to pay for breakfast and lunch items.

Parents can manage their child's meal account via the web using <u>PayForlt.net</u>. With PayForlt, parents can log in at any time to make a deposit to their child's account, view their child's account balance, set up recurring deposits to their child's account, set up e-mail notifications when their child's account falls below a certain dollar amount, or request a report showing what the child has purchased on their account.

More information will be emailed to families in July regarding this program, including how to set up your parent account and make a deposit. If you created an account last year, it is still active. There is also an ATM available in the cafeteria.



POLO ORDERS & UPCOMING USED POLO SALE

Make sure you have enough polos for the school year and order your school polos through Midwest Promotional Group today! The Women's Club will be hosting a Used Polo Sale on Tuesday, August 8 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Room 223. There will be a limited number of polos for purchase that evening. Below are important links for dress code and uniforms.

Dress Code Policy

Order Your Polos Here

SENIORS: MENINGITIS SHOT REQUIRED

This is a reminder that Illinois mandates seniors (Class of 2018) to show proof of the second dose of the meningitis vaccine at the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Please send proof to the PCHS Dean's Office, Attn: Mrs. Kettwig. If you have any questions, please visit www.idph.state.il.us/about/shots.htm, or call Mrs. Kettwig at (815) 717-3159.

FULL INTEGRATION OF BYOD PROGRAM

Full BYOD integration is here! On August 14, the first full-day of classes, every student is required to bring a device to school on a daily basis. Remember that a smartphone is <u>not</u> an acceptable device, since it does not meet our minimum specifications.

Do not forget to get an extra power supply to keep at school so battery life will not be an issue. There are charging lockers located in the cafeteria, near the entrance to the BLC and in the blue hallway to assist with charging throughout the school day, but you need to provide the power cord.

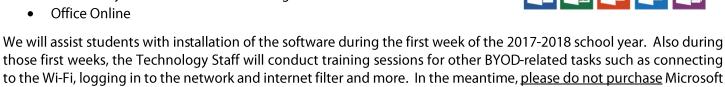
Learn more about our <u>BYOD program on our website</u>, paying special attention to the Minimum Specifications and If you have any questions, please contact Technology Director Rosanne Grigoletti at rgrigoletti@providencecatholic.org.

MICROSOFT OFFICE FOR STUDENT DEVICE

As families purchase devices required for our BYOD program, we want to make families aware of a benefit for all students which will save you money! Microsoft's Student Advantage is part of our volume license agreement. As such, all PCHS students are eligible for the following:

- The latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Outlook, Access and Publisher
- Installation on up to five PCs or Macs, and the Office apps on other mobile devices including Windows tablets and iPad
- One Terabyte of OneDrive cloud storage

Office or attempt to install the software on your own.



DRIVER'S ED: TOP DRIVER OFFERED AT PCHS

Providence Catholic is a location for driver's education courses through Top Driver Driving School. All course information, payment and questions can be handled directly by Top Driver. More information on upcoming courses is included at the end of this newsletter, as well as on the Top Driver website by clicking here.

HOCKEY GOLF OUTING: SAVE THE DATE, JULY 18TH

The Providence Catholic Hockey Program will be hosting its annual golf outing on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. An informational flier is included at the end of this newsletter.

Stay Connected with Providence Catholic

Click on the logos below to connect online with PCHS!











MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Academic Year Hours

(Beginning August 1, 2017) Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(815) 485-2136

MainOfficeStaff@providencecatholic.org

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018

A more comprehensive calendar will be published later in the summer.

AUGUST 2017

- 11 Freshman Welcome
- First Day of Classes 14
- Mass: Assumption 15
- Mass: Feast of St. Augustine 28
- Meet the Teacher Night 30

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SEPTEMBER 2017

- No Classes: Labor Day 15 Mass: Commissioning of **Eucharistic Ministers**
- 26 Mass: Jr. Recognition

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OCTOBER 2017

- 2-7 Homecoming Week
- Homecoming Dance 7

9	No Classes: Columbus Day
24	Parent Teacher Conferences

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NOVEMBER 2017

- Mass: All Saints Day 17 Student Council Installation
- 21 Mass: Thanksgiving Mass 22-24
- No Classes: Thanksgiving **Break**

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DECEMBER 2017

- 8 Mass: Immaculate Conception
- Christmas Dance
- 19 Mass: Christmas Mass
- 20 Semester Exams
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JANUARY 2018

- 1-7 Christmas Break 8 Classes Resume
- 15 No Classes: M.L. King Day
- 29 Mass: Catholic School Week

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FEBRUARY 2018

- **Sweetheart Dance** 10
- Mass: Ash Wednesday 14
- 19 No Classes: Presidents' Day 22 All-School Retreat Day

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MARCH 2018

- 13 **NHS Induction**
- 15 **Parent Teacher Conferences**
- 16 No Classes: Faculty/Staff
- Retreat 28 Prayer Service &
- Reconciliation Holy Thursday 29*
- 30 No Classes: Good Friday

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APRIL 2018

- 1-8 Easter Break Classes Resume
- 10 Mass: AYM Induction
- 27* Prom

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MAY 2018

- Mass: Mother's Day Mass 10 **Academic Awards Ceremony**
- Senior Dinner Dance 16
- 21 Mass: Baccalaureate
- 22 **Final Exams**
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- 24 Final Exams
- Graduation

*Holy Thursday (3/29/18) and Prom (4/27/18) are traditionally Harvest Drive Free Days TBA in November 2017.

To assist you further in planning, below are tentative dates for the 2018-2019 school year:



Providence Catholic High School

1800 W. Lincoln Hwy New Lenox, IL 60451

2017-2018 ON CAMPUS CLASS SCHEDULE

Dates	Days	Times
September 5 – September 28	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu	2:50 – 4:50 PM
November 6 – December 6	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu	2:50 – 4:50 PM
January 8 – February 1, 2018	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu	2:50 – 4:50 PM
April 9 – May 2	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu	2:50 – 4:50 PM
June 5 – June 28	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu	8:30 – 10:30 AM

^{***}Students must be 15 before the last day of their class to be eligible***

OUR PROGRAMS

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- Our recommended program
- Provides 30 hours of interactive classroom instruction + 6 hours of interactive in-vehicle training
- Also provides an additional 2 hours of <u>customized</u>, in-vehicle training to enhance specific skills (no observation required)
- Curriculum and all training materials developed by Top Driver
- Program Price: \$485

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- Our entry-level program
- Provides 30 hours of interactive classroom instruction + 6 hours of interactive in-vehicle training and 6 hours of in-vehicle observation
- Curriculum and all training materials developed by Top Driver
- Program Price: \$409

For more information or to enroll please call 800-374-8373 or visit www.topdriver.com

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PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HOCKEY 2017 GOLF OUTING Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Silver Lake Country Club

Orland Park, Illinois



8:30 AM Registration
9:30 AM **Shotgun Start**4:00 PM BBQ Dinner & Raffle

\$130.00 18 Golf and Dinner*
\$80.00 PCHS Hockey Player Golf and Dinner
\$40.00 Dinner Only

Sponsorships Available

"Hat Trick" Sponsorship \$1,000.00 Includes a golf foursome and dinner, signage on the course and recognition in the program;
 "Beer Cart" Sponsorships \$500.00 Includes two golfers and dinner, signage on the course and recognition in the program;

"Beat the Coach Hole" \$250.00 Includes signage at the specific hole and recognition in the program;

"Closest to the Pin Hole" \$250.00 Includes signage at the specific hole and recognition in the program;

"Longest Drive Hole" \$200.00 Includes signage at the specific hole and recognition in the program;

"Hole" Sponsorships \$150.00 Includes signage on a hole and recognition in the program.

Golf Registration and Sponsorship Form

Please register no later than Friday, June 30, 2017

Golfer Registration Information: Name: Address: ____ City: Phone #: **Golfers' Names: Sponsorship Information** As it should appear on the hole sponsor sign. Please forward your company logo to koliver@providencecatholic.org Type of Sponsorship **Contact Name: Company Name:** Address: City: _____ Zip _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: ____ website _____ **Email Address:** If you have chosen a sponsorship that includes golfers, please supply the names of the golfers attending: Please apply my sponsorship (check one): ___ 100% to the hockey program ___ 50% of the qualifying amount* to __ Name of player

*after golf amount is deducted

For more information or to VOLUNTEER please contact:

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Kevin Oliver @ koliver@providencecatholic.org

^{**}Please make checks payable to: Providence Catholic High School

^{**} Mail Form to: Christina Glass, 501 Deer Trail Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411